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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 9109

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS CASC ET

SUBJ: TENNECO FOUR

REF: ADDIS 9021

1. FONMIN ZEWDE INFORMED ME AUGUST 3 THAT HE HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN CONSENT OF AFCC TO RELEASE MORE THAN ONE OF FIVE PRISONERS NAMED BY ELF. IN LENGTHY SESSION EVENING AUGUST 2 REPRESENTATIONS OF AFCC TOLD HIM THAT MILITARY IN ASMARA WOULD BE VERY UPSET NOT ONLY BY RELEASE OF TWO WHO ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATE GENERAL YILMA BUT ALSO OF TWO WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN FIREFIGHTS WITH ARMY. THEY WERE ONLY WILLING RELEASE THE FIFTH PRISONER. ZEWDE CONSIDERS RELEASE OF AT LEAST TWO PRISONERS IMPORTANT AND HAS PROMISED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TODAY AUGUST 3 TO CONVINCE AFCC. ACTING MINDEF GENERAL AMAN IS RETURNING TODAY FROM SEVERAL DAYS IN OGADEN AND ZEWDE THINKS HE WILL HELP IN THIS REGARD.

2. ZEWDE SAID ASSURANCES REGARDING WELFARE OF ALL FIVE PRISONERS ARE NO PROBLEM FOR IEG. IF QUESTION OF PRISONER RELEASE CANNOT BE SETTLED AUGUST 5 HE SAID HE EXPECTED THEN AUTHORIZE TENNECO THROUGH ME TO PASS THESE ASSURANCES TO ELF.

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